PRESENT—*cont.*

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Wright, Sir William.
Yahya Ali Sahib Bahadur, Khan Bahadur.
Yakub Hasan Sahib Bahadur.
Zamindar of Bodinayakkanur, The.
Zamindar of Chemudu, The.
Zamindar of Kirlampudi, The.
Zamindar of Mirzapuram, The.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS

Police

Shorthand Inspectors in the Police Department.

*512 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. RANGASWAMI REDDI: Will the Hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many shorthand inspectors are employed in the Presidency; and

(*b*) what the expenditure incurred on account of the shorthand inspectors during the year 1934–35 is?"

A.—(*a*) Two.

(*b*) Rs. 6,000 on account of pay and special pay. The expenditure incurred on account of travelling allowance is not known.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"May I know whether the inspectors referred to are Police Inspectors?"

The Hon. Rao Bahadur A. T. PANNIRSELVAM:—"Yes, Sir, Police Inspectors."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"Does this include Sub-Inspectors also?"

The Hon. Rao Bahadur A. T. PANNIRSELVAM:—"No, Sir, the answer is only with reference to Inspectors."

Irrigation

Interest realized on the capital outlay on the Kistna and the Godavari Delta systems.

*513 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) what is the total capital expenditure on the Kistna and Godavari Delta systems; and

(*b*) what interest they expected to derive on the capital invested and what interest they are now actually getting?

A.—(*a*) The total capital expenditure to end of 1933–34 on the Godavari and Kistna Delta systems was Rs. 1,82,03,346 and Rs. 1,97,00,711, respectively.

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(*b*) The return anticipated at the time of the completion of the original construction estimates was 9·3 per cent in the case of the Godavari Delta system and 6·77 per cent in the case of the Kistna Delta system. The return for 1933–34 on the total capital outlay was 15·8 per cent and 13·6 per cent, respectively.

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government have included in the capital expenditure the inclusion fees collected from year to year from the ryots of these two deltas? "

The Hon. Mr. C. A. SOUTER:—" Inclusion fees are not items of capital expenditure."

Mr. V. T. ARASU:—" Arising from the answer to clause (*b*) which states that the return for 1933–34 on the total capital outlay was 15·8 per cent and 13·6 per cent, may I know, Sir, whether in calculating this percentage of return, allowance has been made for the maintenance charges and the salary paid to the staff connected with the delta system? "

The Hon. Mr. C. A. SOUTER:—" Yes, Sir, this is the net return."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" May I ask, Sir, in view of the return being more than what was anticipated, whether the Government have examined any proposal of giving any relief to the ryots of the delta by reducing the water-rates? "

The Hon. Mr. C. A. SOUTER:—" No, Sir, the rates in the delta are not very high."

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—" Very recently a flat water-rate of Rs. 6–4–0 has been levied in the delta. What are the reasons for Government increasing the rate when they got a return in excess of their anticipation? "

The Hon. Mr. C. A. SOUTER:—" I presume the hon. Member means that Rs. 6–4–0 is an excessive rate. It is not."

Breach in the Tippayipalem anicut, Cumbum, Kurnool district.

*514 *Q.*—S. M. K. BEYABANI SAHIB Bahadur: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that there was a breach in the newly constructed Tippayipalem anicut in Cumbum (Kurnool);

(*b*) whether the Chief Engineer inspected the anicut after completion and was satisfied with the work;

(*c*) whether the amount of the contract has been paid to the contractor in full ; and

(*d*) what is the estimated cost of repairing the breach and what time it will take to complete the same?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Chief Engineer for Irrigation did not inspect the reservoir after the work was completed and before the